

BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL DOUGLAS R. COCHRAN

Colonel Douglas R. Cochran is Commander, 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan. The 18th Operations Group, the largest USAF operations group, comprised of seven squadrons and one flight, ensures readiness to accomplish short-notice mobilization, worldwide deployment and efficient combat employment of air superiority, radar surveillance, command and control, airborne refueling, air rescue and airlift forces in support of PACOM OPlans and JCS-directed contingency operations. He deploys as force and provisional wing commander throughout the Pacific Theater demonstrating USAF interoperability with allies in joint and combined exercises. The 18th Operations Group's fleet includes F-15C/D, KC-135R, E-3B, and HH-60G aircraft.

Colonel Cochran was commissioned through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, in 1977.

EDUCATION:

- 1977 Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 1978 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1979 Master's degree in Business Administration, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX
- 1984 Marine Corps Command and Staff (by correspondence)
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1996 Air War College (by correspondence)
- 1998 Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College
- 1999 Naval War College, Newport, RI

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1977 – April 1980, Security Police Officer, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ
2. April 1980 – April 1981, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Student Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, TX
3. April 1981 – October 1984, T-38 Instructor Pilot, Academic Instructor, Class Commander, And Wing Executive Officer, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, TX
4. October 1984 - April 1985, Student, F-15 Replacement Training Unit, 405th Tactical Training Wing, Luke Air Force Base, AZ
5. April 1985 – June 1988, F-15 Flight Commander, Instructor Pilot, 94th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, VA
6. June 1988 – June 1989, F-15 Assistant Operations Officer, Instructor Pilot, 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland
7. June 1989 – June 1990, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
8. June 1990 – April 1993, Chief of Officer Assignments, Directorate of Personnel, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA
9. April 1993 – June 1993, F-15 Upgrade Training, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL
10. June 1993 – December 1993, Assistant Operations Officer, 60th Fighter Squadron, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, FL

ASSIGNMENTS CONT'D:

11. December 1993 – December 1994, Operations Officer, 59th Fighter Squadron, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, FL
12. December 1994 – May 1995, Chief of Safety, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, FL

13. May 1995 – October 1996, Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, FL
14. October 1996 – July 1997, Director of Staff, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, FL
15. August 1997 – June 1998, Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI
16. July 1998 – March 1999, Deputy Group Commander, 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, JA
17. March 1999 – Present, Commander, 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, JA

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 2,700 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-38, F-15

Pilot Wings from: Laughlin Air Force Base, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Purple Heart

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	5 Nov 77
First Lieutenant	5 Nov 79
Captain	5 Nov 81
Major	1 Mar 87
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Apr 92
Colonel	1 Jul 98

(Current as of March 1999)